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31 July 1951

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in  
Room 2101 "M" Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, on 26 July 1951

PRESENT:

Dr. Max F. Millikan, CIA, Chairman  
Mr. Howard M. Wiedemann, State  
Mr. Henry Brodie, State  
Mr. John F. Kullgren, Army  
Dr. Edward L. Allen, Air Force  
Dr. James T. Lowe, Air Force  
Commander Donald C. Deane, Navy  
[REDACTED], CIA, Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 16 July 1951 (EIC-M-1) were approved.

Subcommittee Membership and Programs - General

2. Action: The EIC members expressed a desire to review the qualifications of the following persons proposed as chairmen of EIC subcommittees:

Mr. Nordbeck (State)	- Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation
25X1A9a [REDACTED] (CIA)	- Subcommittee on Petroleum
Mr. Pollite (Air Force)	- Subcommittee on Petroleum
Mr. Bloom (Air Force)	- Subcommittee on Transportation
Colonel Cowart (Army)	- Subcommittee on Transportation
25X1A9a [REDACTED] (CIA)	- Subcommittee on Agriculture

Curriculum vitae were to be submitted to the EIC Secretariat by the agency concerned before 31 July. It was agreed that [REDACTED] (CIA) 25X1A9a would chair the Subcommittee on Agriculture and that Mr. Sanderson (State) would chair the Working Group on Western European Studies. Selection of other chairmen was deferred pending a review of the curriculum vitae by the EIC.

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3. The name of the "Subcommittee on the Economy of Western Europe" was changed to "Working Group on the Economy of Western Europe" in order to distinguish its functions from those of the permanent subcommittees.

4. It was the sense of the meeting that each subcommittee should be given some fairly specific guidance as to its mission and functions and Dr. Millikan agreed to do this at the first meeting of each subcommittee. Specifically, they are to be informed of their responsibility to rationalize their total research effort and to fill major intelligence gaps. In addition, they will be asked as the first order of business to prepare terms of reference for their subcommittee based generally on the terms of reference of the EIC. Initially at least, their major effort will be directed toward the Soviet Orbit. Papers relating to the activities of these subcommittees - terms of reference, production programs, finished studies, agenda and minutes - will be referred to the EIC, through its Secretariat, for review.

#### Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation

5. Action: It was generally agreed that this subcommittee should devote its attention primarily to the following tasks: (1) formulating of priority requirements for collection of economic information (including the procurement of documents) and selecting of sources most suitable for collecting various kinds of data; (2) indexing of literature on the Soviet economy, particularly that available in the US Government; (3) processing and collating of data in a manner which will make it readily available (machine indexing, etc.) to the economic intelligence community; and (4) locating registers (biographic, industrial, etc), determining their scope and coverage, and rationalizing their utilization.

6. Discussion: It was noted that requests for statements of economic intelligence requirements had already been received from the IAC Requirements Committee and the State Department Division of Foreign Reporting.

#### Subcommittee on Petroleum

7. Action: It was the sense of the meeting that this subcommittee would be concerned principally with the Soviet Orbit. In view of the fact that this is to be a working level committee, it was agreed that [REDACTED] Admiral Biggs, and Colonel Worchester would not serve as members. In order that the EIC might have a group of top-level advisors on the non-Soviet petroleum situation, it was agreed to explore the possibility of establishing a Petroleum Advisory Panel (or Group) which would be composed of such people as Admiral Biggs of the Munitions Board and Mr. Snodgrass of the Petroleum Administration for Defense. CIA agreed

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to contact these people in order to get suggestions both as to Panel membership and the functions that such a Panel could most usefully perform.

Subcommittee on Transportation

8. Action: It was generally agreed that this subcommittee is to be composed of the IAC representatives and the ECA representative as permanent members. Other non-IAC agencies with specialized knowledge on certain aspects of transportation will be asked to sit with the committee when problems concerning their field are being discussed. The subcommittee is to decide whether Mr. Ashton of the Department of Commerce may be a permanent member of the subcommittee as an exception to the general rule.

Subcommittee on Agriculture

9. Action: It was agreed that the IAC agencies, ECA, the Department of Agriculture and the Munitions Board should have permanent representation on this subcommittee.

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Handbook of Sources of Economic Intelligence in the US Government

11. Discussion: Postponed until the next meeting.

Periodic Reports on the Status of Economic Intelligence Research Projects


12. Discussion: CIA distributed a sample report form containing the status of ORR projects. It was suggested that all of the member agencies could submit periodically similar status reports to the EIC Secretariat, which could then be combined into one status report for distribution. This suggestion will be discussed at the next meeting. It was requested that each representative come prepared to discuss such matters as: the desirability of producing such a report, changes in the sample form, and the most useful method of indexing.

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Proposal for a Government-wide Survey of Research Programs on the Economy of the Soviet Orbit

13. Discussion: CIA proposed that when action has been taken on items 11 and 12 above, the EIC take a look at all of the research programs concerned with the economy of the Soviet Orbit to ascertain whether the EIC might usefully attempt a rationalization of the whole program. In connection with this, ORR, CIA, has recently made a "survey of ignorance" to determine the major gaps in ORR's knowledge of certain fields of economic intelligence. This survey will be made available to EIC members on request. Discussion of this subject will be continued at the next meeting.

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